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Jane Henney, Commissioner Food and Drug Administration

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I am writing to you regarding the issue of genetically-engineered foods and my rights. I am very concerned that my right to choose what I want to feed myself and my family is being taken away because of the lack of proper labeling and proper research.

The U.S. government has failed to protect consumers, and has allowed a few big companies to place our global food supply on a dangerously uncertain course. These corporations are in a race for control of agricultural production, not a race to feed the world. This race is putting many people at risk, as we have seen with medical products that were used in the early fifties without proper testing.

There is NO comprehensive government regulation of genetically-engineered foods, yet we've been eating them since 1996. Companies can volunteer information about development, planting and content, but they aren't required. The loophole: the Food and Drug Administration says that GE foods are not a food additive to be regulated and that modified plants don't differ "materially" from non-modified plants. Yet ironically, biotech corporations are counting on big profits because of the differences in their patented seeds.

I am writing to request that you support the following issues:

- o No new genetically-engineered foods or products with GE ingredients be released until the Food and Drug Administration requires long-term safety testing of all GE foods before they go to market.
- o All GE foods presently on the market be labeled, giving consumers the right to know what's in the food they are eating.

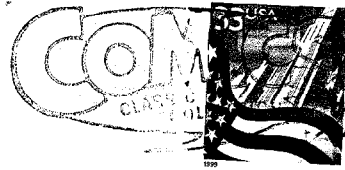
Thank you for your time and considerations.

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